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### LEGAL NEWS.

Deadman's Island Appeal Still in Progress—Applications Arising Out of Theft Case.

The full court did not sit on Saturday. Hearing of appeal in the Deadman's Island case was adjourned from Friday until to-day, and is still proceeding. It will probably occupy the court for some days to come.

The only order made by Mr. Justice Walker in Chambers this morning in cases arising out of the Lorimer and Kirchheimer charges, was that Wing Chong, Tim Koo and Hop Koo & Co., who purchased from Kirchheimer the goods alleged to have been stolen, commenced actions in the County court against Kirchheimer to recover the money they paid for the goods, and garnished certain moneys in A. L. Belyta's hands.

J. P. Walls and E. Powell, counsel for Kirchheimer, applied to-day to have these garnishee orders dissolved, claiming that the actions are for damages, not for liquidated amounts, and that the suits are premature, since Kirchheimer may be acquitted, in which case the Chinamen will have no claim against him. R. H. Fowler opposed the applications on behalf of the Chinamen. His Lordship finally decided that these applications must be dismissed without costs, and that the garnishee summonses and trial of the actions must stand over until the next sittings of the court after Kirchheimer has been tried. He remarked on the similarity of the present cases to that of Uriah Nelson, which was tried before him in the upper country several years ago.

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### CHINESE BANQUET.

Large Number of Guests Entertained at the Chinese Restaurant—The Menu.

The Chinese New Year celebration was wound up on Saturday night with the customary feast. Most of the prominent merchants exploded fire crackers to the tune of several hundred dollars each, and between the lot the din was deafening. The Chinese restaurant on Fisgard street was the scene of a rather interesting banquet given by Lim Yet and Lim Bang in honor of about twenty-six guests from the European part of the city.

The experience for the uninitiated was an extremely enjoyable one, the hosts doing the honors in royal style. The menu was quite elaborate comprising turtle soup, penguin, pumelos, pickled pears, ily seed, fried pigeon, oysters, fanny pork, fish jelly, rice flour and almonds, rice (plain), and China wine. The attack on these delicacies was interrupted at intervals by toasts and utterances appropriate to the occasion. After the feast the hosts escorted their guests to the different places of interest about Chinatown, winding up at the Chinese theatre, where it is said an unusually attractive bill was presented.

In British gold coins one part in twelve is alloy. In silver, 15 parts in 240.

## ELEVEN COLONISTS BURNED TO DEATH

WOMEN AND CHILDREN  
AMONG THOSE DEAD

Several Persons Also Injured in Terrible Fire at Finnish Colony on Malcolm Island.

(Special to The Times.)

Vancouver, Feb. 2.—Eleven persons were burned to death and fifteen seriously injured in a fire at the Finnish colony on Malcolm Island. Eight of the victims who perished were little children. The outbreak occurred last Thursday evening, but the news was not brought down to this city until the arrival of the steamer Cogitlam from up coast points this morning.

The fire broke out in the headquarters building of the Finnish Colonization Company at the recently established village of Sointula, which was burned to the ground. The building was a large three story structure, in barracks style, where all the married members of the colony lived.

One hundred and twenty persons were in the building when the fire broke out. Many of these were babies or small children, and roomers. The little ones had been put to bed before 8 o'clock, when the fire occurred, and those who perished were either children or adults who had hastened to the rescue of the little ones.

Scores of people jumped from the second and third story windows, for a general meeting of the colonists had been in session at the time the flames broke out. Many were bruised and badly injured in falling from the upper stories, but complaints were few and the horror-stricken people accepted the disaster with their accustomed stoicism and with hardly a murmur.

Matti Kurikka, the leader of the colony, came to Vancouver to-day on the steamer Cogitlam, which passed Malcolm Island on Friday, as did also J. W. Bell, who had been visiting the island. Mr. Bell interested himself in securing assistance for the destitute colonists, who have lost everything in the fire. The first consignment of provisions and goods to aid them will be sent from this city by the steamer Cassiar this evening.

Sixteen families, including 77 souls, were burned out and they are now entirely destitute. Everything they had in the world was destroyed. The property loss is over \$10,000.

A list of those who perished follows: Mrs. Hantula and four children, who arrived recently from Dakota. Two of the children of the family were saved. Mrs. Lofbache, widow, and two children. They recently arrived from Extension, Vancouver Island.

Mrs. Ober's two daughters. Two boys of the family were saved. August Sortell, aged fifty. The injured are: Austin McKel, secretary of the colony, face and hands badly burned, and eyesight probably destroyed. Helmon, blacksmith, burned about the face; Mrs. Kiva, who jumped from the second story window and alighted on her head, very serious; Linoren, Nygren, Oberg and wife, all badly burned, with a dozen others more or less burned.

The Colonization company have had many reverses in the carrying out of their scheme to establish an idealistic settlement on Malcolm Island. It was a tremendous undertaking for the leader of the company, Matti Kurikka, to interest his countrymen and also to secure the co-operation of the government in so far as allowing them the island as a place of residence. Unacquainted with the conditions in this country the labor which Mr. Kurikka expended upon the furthering of this scheme was stupendous. He has been ably seconded in his efforts by some of the other leaders, notably among them being Dr. O. H. Beckman, who formerly resided at Astoria. Together these two men made a wonderfully efficient team. Both were fired with the greatest amount of enthusiasm. Dr. Beckman had lived nearly all his life in America, and was very familiar with the English language. Upon him of late has fallen a great deal of work in connection with the settlement's affairs. He has taken up his residence at Sointula, and devoted his attention to the conduct of the business.

The members showed a strong disposition to enter into the plea of the colony, and it became nearly impossible to keep them from crowding to the settlement. It was necessary therefore to provide immediate accommodation for them. With this object in view sawmill machinery was purchased and established at Sointula, the town will indeed be a model of modern architecture. Buildings had to be erected at once, and in consequence temporary quarters had to be hurried to completion before winter set in. It was upon this principle that the large structure which has now been burned was planned and erected. Its destruction by fire will indeed be a severe loss to the colonists, who during the first winter upon the island have experienced this reverse.

Many of the block houses built in South Africa by Kitchener's troops are now being used by the Boer farmers as residences pending the rehabilitation of their farms.

## MANY KILLED IN FIGHT.

Pretender's Forces Routed by the Sultan's Troops—War Minister is Pursuing the Rebels.

(Associated Press.)

Tangier, Feb. 2.—Details of the Sultan's victory on Thursday over the forces of the Pretender, Ha Hamara, show that the battle was stubbornly contested and that the former's success was largely due to the co-operation of the rebels the Sultan had previously purchased.

The artillery of the Imperial forces, which were commanded by the minister of war, consisted of eight Maxim and four Krupp.

The Sultan's troops opened the attack early in the morning and shortly afterward the Pretender's camp was assailed in the rear by one of the tribes. In spite of this the rebels stubbornly stood their ground and desperate fighting continued for three hours. The slaughter was very great. The remnants of the rebel army then broke, abandoned their camp and fled in the direction of Taza.

The Imperial troops are pursuing the fugitives, and if the Pretender is not among the slain, his capture is confidently expected. The minister is pushing on towards Taza with the object of entirely crushing the rebellion. He reports that he found the rebels much more numerous than expected, but that he captured all their war munitions.

There is great rejoicing at Fez as a result of the victory of the Sultan's forces.

## STORMY PASSAGE.

Crack in Cylinder Delayed Steamer St. Paul at Southampton—Rough Weather in Atlantic.

(Associated Press.)

New York, Feb. 2.—The American liner steamship St. Paul arrived to-day from Southampton and Cherbourg, having been delayed by extremely bad weather. The St. Paul left Southampton at noon January 24th, and soon after a crack was found in her cylinder. The defect proved so serious that Captain Jamieson decided to have it repaired before proceeding on a voyage across the Atlantic. After a delay of ten hours the engineers made the necessary repairs and, from the channel the steamer ran into stormy weather, which continued without cessation throughout. Heavy gales prevailed, with southwesterly squalls, making a very rough passage. After leaving the quarantine station the St. Paul anchored off Tompkinsville, Staten Island. Because of a thick fog she remained at anchor.

## NATIVES DESTITUTE.

Many May die in North—News From Nome.

(Associated Press.)

Seattle, Feb. 2.—A Nome driver over the ice arrived yesterday, being more than three months on the way. The latest advices are dated November 26th. The Arctic ice pack came in opposite Nome on November 24th. The wind was holding off the pack along the shore. "Natives on Fox Creek and in Machunk are ill and destitute from exposure and lack of nourishment, and need medical aid. It is feared they will perish during the severe weather. The Nome health officers are caring for some natives. Seven are dead in Machunk."

"The population of Nome is 1,000 less than last winter."

"Barney Cole has reached Nome from Siberia and says—promising prospects have been found in St. Lawrence Bay. American miners there are hopeful and satisfied to stay. Cole will return."

## PRICE OF COAL.

Anthracite is Now Being Sold in New York For \$7.50 a Ton.

(Associated Press.)

New York, Feb. 2.—All over town coal will be sold today for \$7.50 a ton. This is not a theoretical price, but anthracite can actually be obtained at that price. It is expected that this rate will hold without much change till summer, as it generally conceded to be the legitimate market price. The high price for soft coal has had its back-breaking effect on the bituminous product, selling at anywhere from \$2 to \$2.50 a ton. This slump effectually disposes of a certain bituminous combination which was forming to maintain the ton price for the coming year in the neighborhood of \$4.

## FLOODS IN SCOTLAND.

Much Damage Has Been Wrought by Rivers Overflowing their Banks.

(Associated Press.)

London, Jan. 31.—The melting of snow has caused extensive floods and serious damage in Scotland. The river Tay has overflowed Perthshire and many carcasses of deer, cattle and sheep and quantities of household furniture are floating in the streets of Perth.

At Inverness the river Ness has overflowed, and the railroad bridges have been damaged. The river Dees has flooded part of Balmoral and elsewhere has caused great destruction.

## TWENTY-FOUR DROWNED.

Crew of the Norwegian Steamer Avona Perished.

(Associated Press.)

Copenhagen, Feb. 2.—It became known to-day that the members of the crew, numbering 24, of the Norwegian steamer Avona, from New Orleans, which went ashore yesterday at Lemvig, Denmark, were drowned.

## DOMINION HOUSE MEETS MARCH 12

IMPORTANT BILLS  
TO BE CONSIDERED

Session Will Probably Be a Lengthy One—Some of Government Measures.

(Special to The Times.)

Ottawa, Feb. 2.—At Saturday's cabinet meeting it was decided to summon parliament to meet on March 12th. A proclamation will be issued to-day announcing that the House has been called for the dispatch of business. The session promises to be a long and busy one. In the first place there will be a lengthy and an important bill of fare presented by the government, and in addition to this there will be a large number of public and private bills. It now looks as if the senators and members of parliament will spend the summer in Ottawa. Among important government measures will be the bill for the redistribution of the constituencies, a bill providing for a railway commission, and a bill for the settlement of railway strikes by arbitration. The Alaska boundary affair will be also one of the important matters discussed. The proposition of the Grand Trunk Pacific railway for a transcontinental railroad is looked forward to as one of the most interesting subjects which parliament will have to deal with. Besides this, there are a large number of other applications for railway charters and railway extensions all over the country, but more particularly for the region west of Lake Superior.

By-Elections.

Writs for by-elections in North Grey, Terrebonne and Two Mountains have been issued. The nominations will take place on February 17th, and the elections on February 24th.

On Business.

A. W. Vowell, of Victoria, is here on business with the Indian department.

## THE KING INDISPOSED.

His Majesty Unable to Leave Windsor For Chatsworth To-Day.

(Associated Press.)

London, Feb. 2.—King Edward and Queen Alexandra were to have gone on a visit to the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire at Chatsworth this afternoon, but their departure was postponed at the last minute for the reason that the King was suffering from a feverish cold. His Majesty was planting trees in a park near Windsor on Saturday afternoon and appeared then to be in excellent health and spirits.

Shortly after the King's return to the castle a telegram was sent to the Duke of Devonshire saying that His Majesty had a cold and that Sir Francis Lukin, the King's physician, considered it unsafe for him to travel to-day. The Royal train has been ordered to be in readiness to-morrow in the hope that His Majesty will be able to carry out his intention of visiting the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire. The Prince and Princess of Wales and Prince and Princess Charles of Denmark left Windsor for Sandringham during the course of the afternoon.

Gen. Miles's Visit.

London, Feb. 2.—Lt. Gen. Miles, United States army, who returned here from Windsor to-day, said to a representative of the Associated Press: "The King received me most cordially, recalled pleasant memories of my visit here at the time of the Jubilee, and spoke as friendly as ever of America. He showed keen interest in the Far East, on which subject I was about to give some information. Altogether it was a most pleasant visit. The King said he hoped the Prince and Princess of Wales will be able to visit America. Nothing, however, is definitely settled."

Gen. Miles declined to discuss either the Venezuelan or the Philippine questions. By what Gen. Miles terms "a mistake on the part of somebody here" Mrs. Miles was not invited to Windsor Castle.

## TERMS OF SETTLEMENT.

Canadian Northern Machinists to Ignore United Brotherhood of Railway Employees.

(Associated Press.)

Windsor, Feb. 2.—It has just developed that one of the conditions in connection with the recent settlement of the Canadian Northern strike of machinists and other employees is that the Order of the United Brotherhood of Railway Employees is to be heretofore totally ignored, and the different branches returning to work have signed an agreement with the company that they will not become members of the order now or hereafter. Many of them have resigned their membership.

## WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY.

Application to Establish a Station on Island of St. Pierre, off Newfoundland.

(Associated Press.)

Paris, Feb. 2.—A French company has petitioned the postal authorities here for permission to establish a wireless telegraph station at St. Pierre, near Newfoundland, with the object of establishing a service between there and Cape La Hague, Cherbourg, France.

## PREMIER PRIOR Interviewed Regarding Proposed New Railways—The Question of Aid.

(Special to The Times.)

Montreal, Feb. 3.—Premier E. G. Prior, in discussing a recent interview with the Grand Trunk authorities regarding that road's Pacific scheme, says with regard to the position he took:

"Of course I pointed out to the Grand Trunk railway that Mackenzie & Mann, the proprietors of the Canadian Northern, had asked for assistance first of all, and if they were able to get through the Rockies, British Columbia would assist them first of all. If on the other hand, the Grand Trunk secured control of the Canadian Northern or pushed a new line through of their own, the assistance promised the Canadian Northern would be given them. It struck me as though there might be a very interesting contest between the Grand Trunk Pacific and Canada Northern to secure assistance from the Federal government to get through the Rocky Mountains."

Premier Prior will leave Ottawa for the coast on Wednesday.

## STRIKE AT END.

Amsterdam Transport Company Grant Demands of the Men.

(Associated Press.)

Amsterdam, Feb. 2.—At a meeting of 5,000 strikers held this morning, the communication from the transport company was read according to all the demands of the men. The strike is thus ended.

## MAN SHOT IN CHICAGO.

(Associated Press.)

Chicago, Feb. 2.—A dense fog, which settled over Chicago last night, was the cause of a shooting affray in which one man was killed and other accidents.

## TELEGRAPHIC TICKS.

There is a blockade of freight traffic at Minneapolis. All the railroads entering at that point, with the exception of the Chicago Great Western and Rhode Island, have issued notices that they will not receive any more freight for Minneapolis until the blockade is relieved.

The German Reichstag has passed the second reading of the bill protecting child labor in factories and shops, and prohibiting the employment of children under 12 years of age in some branches of industry, and under 15 in others. The Socialists attempted to extend the prohibitions to agriculture and household work.

Senator Wellington has introduced an amendment in the United States Senate to the constitution prohibiting the holding of fortunes exceeding \$10,000,000 by any one individual in the United States. In case of such holding, the amendment provides that "the excess shall all be condemned, whether or not, as a public nuisance, a public folly or a public peril, be accordingly forfeited into the United States treasury."

Mrs. Marguerite Allen, the oldest woman in the state of Washington, died at the home of her daughter in Tacoma on Saturday, aged 104 years. Mrs. Allen was born in Scotland and emigrated to America more than 70 years ago, moving later to Ohio. She leaves a son in Detroit.

Over 500 letters were found buried in a lumber yard at Toledo, Ohio. Every envelope had been slit, but money orders and checks to the value of several hundred dollars, which could not be disposed of without danger of detection, were left undisturbed. The envelopes were riddled with jewelry, cash and New Year's gifts.

Brigands have been terrorizing the Caucasus recently, levying tribute on towns and holding up trains to an extent hitherto unknown. Even garrisons have been frightened into paying tribute, in return for which the brigands not only refrain from plundering, but protect the towns from other marauders. The attempts of troops to cope with the situation have been generally failed.

The directors of the Northern Pacific railway have declared the regular quarterly dividend of one and one half per cent, and an extra dividend of one half per cent.

Private agents of Germany have proposed to the government the immediate purchase of the Chilean battleship Captain Prat and the armored cruiser Esmeralda, and have offered to take over the warships now being built in Europe for Chile.

The supply of provisions having failed at Reus, near Tarragona, Spain, where a general strike is in progress, the strikers have looted a number of shops, most of which are now closed. Many arrests have been made.

## CHARGED WITH THEFT.

Young Man Accused of Stealing Gold From Challoner & Mitchell—Japanese in Court.

(Associated Press.)

Wm. Paul, a young man who has been in the employ of Challoner & Mitchell, the jewellers, was arrested this afternoon shortly after 12 o'clock on the charge of stealing twenty dollars' worth of gold from the firm. The accused, it appears, had been employed in the jewelry store since he first came to the city, but was discharged on Saturday night.

He was charged with the theft of the gold, and was taken to the police station. He was charged with the theft of the gold, and was taken to the police station. He was charged with the theft of the gold, and was taken to the police station.

## CASTRO SAYS HE IS VERY HOPEFUL

PRESIDENT WILL TRY  
PEACEFUL MEANS FIRST

But Is Determined to Fight Rather Than Give in—Threats of Reprisals.

(Associated Press.)

New York, Feb. 2.—The Herald's Caracas correspondent quotes President Castro as saying, in the course of an interview:

"I cannot grasp news from Washington. I fear that the Venezuelan conflict will be made a pretext for a world war. I have answered, however, the demand for preferential treatment as follows: 'The Venezuelan government desires equal treatment for every creditor nation, at the same time keeping in mind and respecting its previous diplomatic agreements and obligations.'"

"As far as I can see the French claim is absolutely perfect, yet the blocking powers seem to desire to invalidate it. This is a strange procedure, indeed, when you recall that the French, Belgian and Spanish claims already have that solemn sanction which the blocking powers pretend to be desirous their own should receive."

"Yet, I am hopeful; yes, always hopeful. Mr. Bowen has called me to be prudent and patient. I shall be both, and we shall exhaust peaceful means, with the understanding that when that has been done we will not give in, but will fight."

"We have concluded that if there is no honor among nations nor virtue in international agreements we must defend ourselves, and to secure tranquility we must take possession of Trinidad and other adjacent places, from which, with the consent of unfriendly powers, filibustering expeditions have started to make Venezuela a writer in blood."

"The Ban Hagh, which sailed from England, and the expedition under the command of Gen. Carle Vedal, which sailed from Trinidad, landing arms two weeks ago at Higueras, cost Venezuela as much as the Alabama claims if we had equal rights with the strong."

## Another Defeat.

New York, Feb. 2.—President Castro's troops have, says the correspondent of the Herald at Willemstad, Island of Curacao, met with defeat at the hands of the Venezuelan revolutionists, at a point forty miles south of Caracas.

## The Monroe Doctrine.

New York, Feb. 2.—England does not like Captain Mahan's definition of the Monroe doctrine, says the Tribune correspondent in London. Captain Mahan says that the United States will not and does not accept the burden of responsibility, and it is now taken for granted that Captain Mahan speaks for both political parties in the United States, and that his utterance is more or less official, and that it is not given to the world except after a full verification. The article consequently caused a little uneasiness, and especially in view of its bearing on the broad principle of the Monroe doctrine, there is little danger of a quarrel between the two great Anglo-Saxon powers over its exact interpretation.

## Little Progress.

London, Feb. 2.—The answer of Venezuela to the rejection by the allies of her proposal to treat on an equality the claims of all nations without giving the allies preference, has not yet been received, nor has any definite counter-proposal been made. It is not anticipated here that the negotiations looking to a compromise which are now going on in Washington, will reach a head for at least two days.

## Another Proposal.

Washington, Feb. 2.—Minister Bowen is willing that the allied powers shall receive preferential payments of their claims against Venezuela for the period of one month, provided they accept the remainder of his proposition and agree to the immediate lifting of the blockade. He informed the representatives of the allies several days ago, but has not received an answer. This important fact was developed to-day by the announcement from another quarter that allies be induced to modify their claims, but that they be paid before the other claimant nations, to the extent of containing themselves with preferential treatment for six months or perhaps a year. There is no indication as yet that they will consent to cutting this period to a month, but owing to the activity which France and the other claimant nations are showing regarding the protection of their interests in Venezuela it will not surprise the officials here if the allies yield still further.

## ANOTHER COLLISION.

Two Persons Killed and Thirteen Injured in Railway Accident During Fog.

(Associated Press.)

Chicago, Feb. 2.—Two persons were killed and thirteen injured, one fatally, in a freight wreck at Cicero, on the Illinois Central railway early to-day. The accident was due to a rear-end collision between two sections of a stock train in a dense fog. The killed and injured were stockmen and railroad employees.











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## MEETING OF PARLIAMENT.

The two great political parties of Canada may now commence to mix their war paint. The Dominion Parliament will meet on March 12th. The measures which will occupy the attention of the members will be of exceptional importance, and it is not at all improbable that the fields will be white for the harvest before the session closes.

The chief matter of controversy will assuredly be the proposed redistribution bill. Under the terms of confederation Parliament is authorized to rearrange the constituencies after each decennial census. Even if there were no gerrymander to wipe out it would still be the duty of the representatives of the people to make a readjustment of the representation. The Redistribution Act of 1884, with its added iniquity of a later date, helped to keep the Conservative party in power for years after it had lost the confidence of the country as a whole.

The people of the West are probably not so familiar with the workings of the act as their brethren in Ontario, who have held the finished work of the expert politicians. A county containing a population entitling it to three members, and which under normal conditions would return at least two Liberals, was so cut and carved and patched as to elect one Liberal by an enormous majority and two Conservatives by narrow majorities. That was what was termed "hiving the Grits." The constitution of North Ontario, where Hon. Geo. E. Foster is making an attempt to break into public life again, furnishes an example of the grotesque figure made of some constituencies physically in order to accomplish the desirable task of "hiving the Grits." The ex-Finance Minister has been endowed by Providence with a pair of fairly long legs as well as with an exceedingly bitter tongue. In some places North Ontario is so narrow that the candidate could almost step across it at one stride. To compensate for this it is long drawn out and somewhat attenuated. In fact, its physical proportions so much resemble those of Mr. Foster as to be the subject of a series of jokes, made by the Conservative candidate at the expense of himself and his assistants in the disgraceful business of hiving a scheme for the purpose of deliberately defeating the will of the people. If Mr. Foster should be so fortunate as to obtain a seat in the House he will have the satisfaction of seeing his work undone. And it may be taken for granted that he and his friends will raise a terrible fuss over its undoing. It would be almost too much to expect them to surrender the advantage they at present possess without making a strong fight to retain it. Unfortunately for them, their strong bulwark, a Tory Senate, no longer exists, and the will of the people is now expressed by both chambers of the House. All Liberals desire is a measure in harmony with the distribution of the population as revealed by the census and under which the political sentiments of the people will be as accurately as possible reflected in the House of Commons. Under the new act the representation of all the Eastern provinces with the exception of Quebec should be reduced. It is hinted that a strong effort will be put forth to prevent a strict compliance with the terms of confederation governing this matter. This phase of the question will add additional interest to the fight in Parliament.

Many other questions of exceptional interest will be dealt with during the session, such as the incorporation of the Grand Trunk Pacific and the measure of assistance it shall receive from the public treasury, the settlement of strikes on railways by arbitration, the constitution of a court to regulate rates on railways, with many incidental matters of no less importance. There will surely be a lively and interesting discussion upon the Alaska boundary question, while around the tariff, as usual, the battle will rage most fiercely. The manufacturers are not satisfied, notwithstanding that the past five years have been the most active in their history. Their works have been going night and day, and still they have been unable to meet the demands made upon them. They are doing so well that they can afford to engage a sophist at a high salary to convince the farmers and the consumers that they ought to consent to pay just a trifle more for the goods they require in order to have them made at home. It will be demonstrated during the coming season that the Conservative party has allied itself with the manufacturers and is a party to their purpose to fleece the populace. The manufacturers now enjoy a protection of from twenty-five to thirty-five per cent. But they are not becoming rich fast enough. Their monopolistic brethren in the United States have been known to accumulate millions, in some cases billions, in a few years. In the United States in some lines there is absolute immunity from competition. That is what some of the manufacturers of Canada want. Twenty years ago they desired protection in a modified form. Then in a few years they would prepare to meet the world in open competition. Now they clamor for absolute exclusion, to apply without discrimination to the United States, Germany or Great Britain—to any country which competes with them. And we cannot say we blame them. It is an unlovely trait of human nature, as revealed in certain types, for men to desire to take advantage in every possible way of their fellows. The manufacturers no doubt believe if they had the various fields all to themselves they would behave with the utmost generosity to customers, who were compelled to deal with them. But they ask for too much. Men endowed with such power have been known to abuse it. It is satisfactory to know the issue has been joined in Canada. We now know definitely where the Conservative party stands. The people after the session of Parliament is at an end will thoroughly comprehend the situation, although an attempt will be made to obscure it with a cloud of words.

## CASTRO AND MONROE.

President Castro has been delivering himself of a short sermon on national morality. Oh, well, individuals not in a position to meet their personal obligations have been known to deliver homilies on the evil doings of the dead-beat. Mr. Castro cannot see himself as others see him. Perhaps it is all for the best. If it were otherwise the miseries of the world might be intensified. Castro is human, and, like a great many humans of composite blood, he delights in bombast. Having exhausted all peaceful methods of settling the dispute in which he is involved with the powers of Europe, he will fight. When the fighting begins in earnest, he will take possession of Trinidad without loss of time.

The president of Venezuela, by the grace of his own will and the helplessness of a populace which never knows exactly what it wants in the matter of government, evidently still believes that the United States will come to his assistance by warlike as well as by peaceful means. For that reason he is disposed to cavil at the terms proposed, just as previous to the action of the allies he treated their demands for justice to their subjects with disdain in the belief that he could take refuge in the unexplored labyrinth of the Monroe Doctrine.

The deliverance of the late President Monroe has never yet been authoritatively interpreted. Therefore it is susceptible of abuses which may lead to complications of a very serious character on this continent. The republics of South America may undertake to elucidate the doctrine in such a manner as to harmonize with their purposes. As their purposes are somewhat uncertain at various times and of doubtful morality at all times, the demand for an official interpretation is imperative. Besides, Europe is entitled to know how far the ramifications of this policy extend. Being an interested party it should be in a position to guard against variations which may be applied at any time to suit the purpose of an admittedly highly moral and conscientious interpreter. But the interpreter is interested in the interpretation, and it may be that his views are biased now and always will be biased. A court should be constituted to unravel the Monroe Doctrine. As Canada is interested in it, she should have a representative on the commission.

## TRUE SPORT.

The Scottish curlers are the sensation of the day in Eastern Canada. All headgear except the Tam o' Shanter, the Glengarry and the Balmoral has been banished, while the collar is the fashionable dog. The rinks are crowded with spectators, who have made the timely discovery that curling is a vastly more exciting game than was generally supposed. The Scotsmen have lost more matches than they have won, but their enthusiasm is in no wise diminished. Here one of the peculiarities of curling reveals itself. With one voice the defeated proclaim their belief that it is far more tolerable to lose than to play at all. We have heard golf players confess to the same feeling. Surely that is something entirely foreign to the sports of America. We are prone to the belief that the chief end is to win. Fairly or



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unfairly, we must "get there," whether we possess the most skillful players or not. We have banished ethics entirely from our sports, or are in a fair way to do so. Perhaps that is because we are becoming imbued with the strenuous American spirit. It is scarcely necessary to point out that if we cherish that spirit too strongly the end will be the death of all amateur sport, the only sport worthy of the name. A gang of hirelings are in no sense sportsmen. They are simply mercenaries who prostitute the pastimes of the people for private gain. Probably in time the inexorable law of the survival of the fittest will take a hand in the game, and golf and curling, which many affect to heartily despise at present, will become in a real sense the popular pastimes. The habits of the links and of the rinks are absolutely indifferent to popular applause. They are not unduly elated by victory nor needlessly cast down by defeat. They are not wearied in body as a result of the wholesome, life-giving exercise, and they are strengthened and refreshed in mind. In this may lie the fascination and the exhilaration of the ice and the green. The robust vocabulary cannot be the whole thing.

P. S.—We never had a golf stick in our hands; Victoria is not likely to be a popular resort for curlers unless the wheels which revolve the earth slip a cog.

There will be a spontaneous outpouring of sympathy from British Columbia and from all parts of Canada to the Finnish colony in the terrible calamity that has overtaken it. The men of the little company had gone into the wilderness for the purpose of hewing out homes for themselves and their wives and assuring for their children an easier, more pleasant and more certain means of livelihood than had fallen to the lot of their parents. Almost in the twinkling of an eye the little ones, the source of inspiration to ambition and to effort, have been swept away. It is fortunately given to few to understand the complete desolation of the riven homes. But we can all express our sympathy, and if necessary extend substantial aid to the bereaved.

It is an ennobling spectacle to behold two such strong Conservative papers as the Colonist and the News-Advertiser working, praying and hoping for the election of an independent Liberal in Vancouver. They are so intensely interested in the welfare of the Liberal party that they tremble for its future if the "machine" should triumph. Preparing the way for a Conservative candidate at the general elections has nothing whatever to do with the case. The usually stolid News-Advertiser is so zealous that it has left itself open to an action for libel. The condition of Conservatism in Vancouver must be desperate indeed when it is necessary to resort to such methods to develop a sign which will inspire confidence.

The Sultan of Morocco, roused to fury by the taunts of the pretender to the throne, went forth from the holy city and gave battle. The challenger was routed, "horse, foot and artillery." Pride and arrogance once more humbled in the dust and complications in one of the inflammable portions of the world avoided. And all the people of Morocco are rejoicing just as heartily as they would have done if the pretender had won. The Moors are conservatives of the mossback type. Civilization advances slowly through them. They would not know how to work it if they had popular government.

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## CHEMICAL NUISANCE.

To the Editor:—The Colonist of January 29th publishes an interview, as I read it, with the managers of the chemical works, in which they admit that the said works are a nuisance to the public. Then comes the very ominous note that they propose remedying the evil by erecting a "tower" to exclude them, as they call them. To us, who saw the buildings go up from the first, have followed to our sorrow the outcome of "shutting down for repairs and added improvements," this "to be" is more than we will bear, without, at least, a protest. For ten months or more the prevailing winds have been from the north, and scarce a day or night, week day or Sabbath day, all alike, but these nauseating fumes have penetrated our homes, bringing distress and sickness with them. No door or window tight enough to exclude them. When we read that the ocean was encroaching on our lovely Dallas road, at once followed suggestions for a remedy, and money to pay for same, well as at hand when needed. As far back as ex-Mayor Sedgwick's time of office we were appealing for help at home, and those in power, who tried to "what they could," did not avail. Please tell us from whence will come our help, from the city fathers or from the courts? Will someone enlighten us? Our eyes are blinded and our intellects weakened.

## A FEW THINGS CONCERNING VICTORIA.

To the Editor:—As the corporation apparently cannot decide the question of a site for the Carnegie library (if it is really worth the cost of accepting the \$50,000 for a building at the exorbitant rate of 10 per cent. per annum for ever), it is time the citizens make some suggestion, and seeing the library will be built for future generations, and will not be a very imposing building, only one or two stories high, a central situation must be chosen, one in which the building is not likely to be overbuilt or put into the shade by large business blocks or hotels. It must also be on a car line. Now, taking, say, from the outer wharf to Foul Bay—all within the city limits—the most central position and one that will fill the bill in every condition, is the open space on Pandora avenue, where Cook street crosses. The surrounding ground, both above and below, ought to be transformed into a miniature park, with grass lawns and flower beds. This site will not cost the taxpayers one cent, and is the very best one in the city. The building can be seen to full advantage. It is also on a car line.

Is it not time petitions were presented for the establishment of a branch post office to serve the district of Oaklands and Spring Ridge, and one for the district near the Jubilee hospital, Royal Bay road and Oak Bay, so that the residents may be able to obtain money orders and register letters without having to travel to James Bay?

Point Millic Bridge.—Can you inform the citizens if the Electric Railway Company have postponed the erection of the riveted bridge without any alteration of the plans? Not a word has

been said about this matter since the contract was signed in such a hurry before the elections.

Drinking Fountains, etc.—Now we are having the streets paved and permanent sidewalks put down, would it not be well for the council to have erected in several places in the city a neat design for drinking fountains, including a trough for dogs, also, two, or three places of convenience? The cost for them need not be much, and the men who clean our streets could see they were kept in order. Any town in Great Britain of 5,000 inhabitants is better provided in these respects than is this coming tourist resort.

Railway to the North of the Island.—Let us have it by all means, but let us not let us delude ourselves that we shall get the north terminus may be located on a good harbor, that will be the terminus of all the railroads that may come on the Island from the mainland, and that city will be the Liverpool of British Columbia, providing the harbor is good and sufficient. From and to there the shipping from the North, the Orient, and most of the European world go, and avoid the dangers of navigation in entering the Strait of Fuca. The through traffic for the States and Eastern Canada will not stop at Victoria, if it ever sees it. Victoria must then look for her trade within a radius of 100 miles from the city.

## "FACTS."

To the Editor:—I hasten to make a correction. An reading over my letter in last Saturday's Times, I found I had said that the chairman of the board suggested an interview with Mr. Paul and his staff. I wish to say that I intended to make clear that while the chairman did suggest an interview with the principal of the High school, it was another member of the board who was responsible for suggesting that the staff be present; a suggestion which was unanimously acted upon by the board.

ALFRED HUGGETT.

Victoria, B. C., Feb. 2nd, 1903.

## WANTS TO KNOW.

To the Editor:—Along with many others who subscribed to the concert given in the Victoria theatre in the name of charity, I would like to see a statement of accounts through the press, and to know what institution received benefit, other than the Protestant Or-

## SPENCER'S

Our Special List For Tuesday Will Be  
Veilings, Men's Tweed Pants, Corsets,  
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50 pairs of smaller Children's Waists made of same material.

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## Veilings

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## Men's Tweed Pants

42 pairs, mostly dark shades, Tuesday . . . . . \$1.00 pair (See Government street window.)

## Children's Lambs' Wool Boas

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25c. ones for . . . . .15c.  
35c. ones for . . . . .20c.  
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## Silk Dep't

The Black Silks and Satins on sale to-day brought early shoppers. Visit this department.

## Jackets and Capes

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cago Chronicle sees something pitiful in the gorgefulness of the Durbars scenes compared with the intense suffering of the famine, but even it says: "It would not be fair, however, to charge that Great Britain is starving India to death. It is altogether likely that, left to itself, the Indian peninsula would be the scene of famine and plague far more devastating than those which have scourged it under British rule. Probably the domination of England is beneficial to the Hindoo. That is fair. But it is none the less painful to think of the vast gulf between the ostentation of great wealth and the awful spectacle of thousands upon thousands starved to death for lack of a dose of rice."

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## City News in Brief.

—John Labatt's Ale is sparkling purity.

—On and after the 1st February the Imperial Hotel will be conducted under new management.

—Don't forget to come to our social dance in A. O. U. W. hall, February 11th, 8.30 p.m. Victoria City Band.

—The next meeting of the Ladies' Tuesday Club will be held in the Alexandra club rooms instead of the Balmoral.

—A meeting will be held in the assembly room of the High school on Friday evening, when steps will be taken for the organization of an alumni association.

—W. W. Southam has resigned the position of postmaster at Ladysmith. He will be succeeded it is expected by Cory S. Ryder, who has recently moved from Extension to that town. Mr. Ryder was postmaster at Extension.

—Rev. A. Ewing, of the Presbyterian mission, will give his popular lantern lecture, "A Trip in the Orient," under the auspices of the Young People's Society in St. Paul's church, Victoria West, to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock.

—There will be a meeting of No. 5 Company, 5th Regiment, to-night at 8.15. Important business to be transacted in regard to the Young People's Society, and election of officers will take place. There will be a social time spent afterwards.

—The Ladysmith Lumber Company are opening a shingle mill in that town. The Schmale Machinery & Engineering Co., of New Westminster, will be installing the machinery. The mill will be completed about the middle of March, and will be complete in every way.

—The Friendly Help Association will hold their monthly meeting to-morrow forenoon in the market hall at 11 o'clock. All the members are requested to attend. The society wishes the name of the friend who left a bundle of men's clothing at the room.

—The manager of the Home for the Aged and Infirm acknowledges with thanks the receipt of the following donations in January: Mrs. L. J. Quagliotti, Mrs. H. D. Helmeck, Mrs. Gordon Stevenson, Mr. Geo. Marsden, Mr. N. Shakespeare, Mr. T. Shotholt and a friend, reading matter; Mrs. Milligan, milk; Mrs. Minnie, straws; Messrs. D. Spencer & Co., hats and socks.

—At to-night's meeting of the city council among the business to come up will be a motion by Ald. Stewart regarding the library site. It is to the effect that the selection of a site be submitted to the ratepayers in the form of a by-law authorizing the council to purchase one out of the current revenue at a cost not exceeding \$4,500, and that the alternative be lot 1, block 70, property owned by the city.

Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 15th, 1903.  
The B. C. Permanent Loan & Savings Co., City.  
Gentlemen:—About three and one-half years ago I bought five shares of your "C" Accumulative Stock, and have recently received your cheque for the withdrawal of the same, which was entirely satisfactory. In fact, I was so well pleased with your plan for saving money that I at once took five new shares to take the place of the five I withdrew. Yours truly,  
C. KENNEDY.

—The committee of fifteen which had been appointed to collect certain data relative to the construction of a line of railway to the north end of this Island met on Saturday afternoon, when Mayor McCandless presided. Sub-committees were appointed whose duties will include a conference with James Dunsinville, M. P., a report on the financial side of the proposition and the merits of the scheme submitted by C. H. Lugin.

—The band concert on Saturday evening was as usual excellent in quality. The musical selections by the Fifth Regiment band were much enjoyed. A cornet solo by Bandmaster W. V. North called for loud applause owing to its excellent rendering. "Rag Rag," a medley arranged by Bandmaster Finn himself, was also received with hearty applause. The basketball match was won by the J. B. A. after a fast game, the score standing 12 to 8.

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—Victoria City Band will give their second series of dances next Thursday evening in A. O. U. W. hall, February 5th, 8 p.m. Ladies, 25c.

—At the club house, James Bay, to-morrow evening the annual meeting of the J. B. A. A. will be held, and business of an important character transacted. A full attendance is particularly desired.

—The regular weekly meeting of Victoria lodge, No. 1, I. O. O. F., was held on Friday evening, when the first degree of Old Fellowship was conferred. There was a fairly good attendance. Next Friday the second and third degrees will be given.

—The regular monthly consecration meeting of the James Bay Epworth League will be held in the James Bay Methodist church this evening at 8 o'clock. Miss H. Spencer will take charge of this meeting. All are cordially invited to be present.

—A general meeting of the Old Wanderers Club will be held this evening at 8 o'clock, at the Beaumont hotel, when there will be important business on hand, including the election of new members. The next smoking concert will take place on February 23rd. The winners of the whist tournament, which was finished on Monday last, were Charles Holmes and S. C. Clear. The referee was J. A. Williams.

**DEATHS AND FUNERALS.**  
Miss Mallette Passed Away on Saturday.—Remains of Mrs. George Stewart interred.

The death occurred at the Jubilee hospital yesterday morning of W. S. Mills, a native of Liverpool and 36 years of age. Deceased has been ailing for some time, having been at the Marine hospital for a number of months before going to the Jubilee. He was the first mate of a vessel which touched at this port, and leaves a widow and family living in England. The funeral arrangements have not yet been made.

Mrs. Helen M. Sparrow died yesterday at the family residence, Park road. Deceased was 76 years of age and a native of New York state. The funeral has not yet been arranged.

Miss Florence Nellie Mallette, youngest daughter of James and Mrs. Helen Mallette, died on Saturday afternoon at the residence, No. 2 Queen's terrace. Deceased had a wide circle of friends, and the news of her death came as a shock to all. She was a constant attendant at the Metropolitan church, and numbered among her acquaintances all the young people who attend that church. She was 21 years of age and a native of Cleveland, Ohio. The funeral has been arranged to take place at 2 p.m. on Tuesday from the residence, and later at the Metropolitan Methodist church. The choir will be in attendance, and funeral services at the home, church and grave will be conducted by Rev. Elliott S. Rowe.

The funeral of the late Mrs. George Stewart, of Bonnie Brae, took place yesterday afternoon from the family residence at 2 o'clock. There was a very large attendance. Rev. Mr. Wright conducted the services, and the following acted as pall-bearers: Messrs. A. B. Reid, G. Williams, D. McCaskell, G. Laughton, H. Buckle and L. Agarwal.

The remains of the late Mrs. John W. Pattison were laid to rest this morning, the funeral taking place from the parlors of W. J. Hanna at 10.15, and Christ church at 10.30. Rev. Canon Beaulieu conducted the services. Beautiful flowers were presented, and the following acted as pall-bearers: Messrs. C. Thornton, E. Palmer, R. Wani, T. Fraser, R. Turner and G. Anderson. Mrs. J. A. Rhinehart, aged 28 years and a native of Portland Island, died at her home on Saturday last.

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## JANUARY WAS LIGHT MONTH FOR FIREMEN

Only Half a Dozen Alarms and No Loss

—Returns of Customs Department.

The fire department had an unusually light month, there having been only six alarms. The blazes were minor ones, some of them being of freak origin. For instance a refractory cow kicked over a lamp in a barn on Moss street on New Year's day and the chemical apparatus from number two hall was hurried to the scene. Fortunately the fire was extinguished without any loss. Another rather peculiar blaze occurred at the corner of Oak Bay avenue and Camboro Bay road on January 10th. The electric wires became crossed and the lamp pole caught on fire. The pole is still there.

The slumbers of the department were rudely disturbed early on the morning of the 29th by a leather-jugged Celestial who raised such a row in the rear of the hall that the men thought the entire Chinese quarter was in the grip of an inextinguishable conflagration. When they arrived at the scene of the fire on Fisgard street they found that it was merely a burning chimney. The Chinaman who gave the alarm had disappeared at the first tap of the bell. The alarms for the month are as follows: January 1st, 7.15 a.m., fire in Tait's hay barn on Moss street; cause, cow kicked over lamp; extinguished by No. 2; no loss.

January 2nd, 9 p.m., telephone alarm; overheated stovepipe at Manhattan saloon; no loss.

January 7th, 5.45 a.m., box 62; fire in roof of foundry, Allison Iron Works; caused by spark from the cupola; no loss.

January 10th, 7.25 p.m., fire on electric light pole, corner Oak Bay avenue and Camboro Bay road; no loss.

January 20th, 3 a.m., box 27; chimney fire in Chinese tenement house on Fisgard street; no loss. Same day, 4.50 p.m., still alarm, chimney fire in Jubilee hospital; no loss.

In connection with the last fire fortunately happened that Chief Watson was at the institution at the time. He was just entering the building to see his wife who is under treatment there, when he noticed one of the chimneys on fire. With some of the attendants he succeeded in quenching the blaze with little difficulty.

## Customs Returns.

There is nothing of special interest about the returns of the Victoria customs for the last month. Chinese travel was very heavy, particularly in the first part of the month, and it will be seen that collections from this source were large. But while many newcomers arrived there was a proportionately large number of Chinese on the home bound list who went to China to spend their New Year. On these emigrants there is a dollar collected apiece. The imports for the month totalled \$201,272, of which \$27,819 represented free and \$173,453 dutiable goods. The revenue for the month was made up as follows: Duty, \$48,707.18; Chinese, \$17,758, and other collections, \$18,550, making a total of \$85,015.08. The foreign and domestic exports amounted to \$37,002.

The agricultural returns of Great Britain for 1902 show that the total under crops and grass was 22,587,705 acres—a decrease of 20,480 compared with 1901.

## THE WESTSIDE

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Stocks are larger than they should be at this time of the year, and must be reduced by several thousands of dollars before Stocking takes place. Stupendous efforts will be put forth to accomplish this end, and prices will be reduced until every semblance of profit has disappeared. We begin with a sale of:

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Hooks and Eyes, per 2 doz.	5c.	1c.
Brush Skirt Binding, per yd.	5c.	2 1/2c.
Hair Pins, per pk.	5c.	2 1/2c.
Papers of Pins.	5c.	2 1/2c.
Jet Hat Pins, per cube	5c.	2 1/2c.
Safety Pins, per card	5c.	2 1/2c.
Linen Tape Measures	5c.	2 1/2c.
Wool Mending, per skein	5c.	2 1/2c.
White Tape, per doz.	15c.	7 1/2c.
Whisks, with black handles, 25c.		12 1/2c.
Swiss Embroidery, per yd.	10c.	5c.
Gold Clipping, per yd.	50c.	25c.
Ladies' Underwaists, each	35c.	15c.
Flannelette Nightgowns, ea.	75c.	50c.
Ladies' Flannelette Bloomers	50c.	35c.
Ladies' Flannelette Skirts	75c.	50c.
White Cambric Corset Covers	20c.	12 1/2c.
Ladies' Cambric Nightgowns	75c.	50c.
Boys' Sailor Suits	\$1.25	50c.

## Boys' Clothing Sale

CONTINUED ON MONDAY.  
Boys' 2-Piece Suits ..... \$3.00 \$1.75  
Boys' 3-Piece Suits ..... \$4.25 \$2.05  
Boys' Reckers ..... \$3.50 \$1.75  
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